

# HUMANITY FIRST!



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- The CCF Government of Saskatchewan has been in office for nine months. In that time it has done more for the people of the Province than was previously accomplished in 39 years of administration by Liberal and Conservative Governments. It has brought real security to the farmer, and effective protection to labor. It has taken the first steps towards making the best health services available to all. It has increased the security of those unable to care for themselves; it has made the scope of education larger and more free; it has begun a program of securing the benefits of the natural resources of the province for the people as a whole instead of for a favored few; and it has reorganized the whole administration on the basis of efficiency rather than political patronage. It received its program from the people and its mandate from the people, and it has exceeded even the most optimistic expectations in carrying out its responsibilities. Here is the record for all to see.

## What the CCF Government has done in Saskatchewan

### RECONSTRUCTION and REHABILITATION

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- The Department of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation has been newly formed and its functions include rehabilitation of discharged men and women of the armed forces and displaced industrial workers.

#### LAND SETTLEMENT

- Provincial Crown Lands are being retained for settlement by service personnel. Agreements are proceeding with the Federal Government to provide a debt free grant of \$2,320 to each settler who leases land from the Provincial Government.
- Settlement on pioneer bush lands will only be permitted when 80 acres of each 160 acres settled are cleared and ready for production.
- A thorough investigation into co-operative farm projects has been carried out and experimental units will be set up.

#### EMPLOYMENT

- Employment and training-on-the-job surveys are being carried out. Grants paid to the Provincial Government on behalf of service personnel who are training on the job are being held in trust for the trainees so that their rehabilitation credits will be unimpaired.
- Diversified types of workshops are being organized to provide employment for certain types of handicapped men of the two wars and for temporarily unemployed.
- The Department is collaborating in the industrialization programme. An industrial laboratory has been set up to investigate the economic possibilities of new industries.
- The province is being organized into local rehabilitation committees. Some 250 of these committees have already been set up in co-operation with the Wheat Pool and the Canadian Legion.

#### EDUCATION

- The province is co-operating in every way to provide educational, training and re-training services. The University is extending its facilities to cope with increasing demands. Accelerated matriculation classes and trade schools have been set up; also opportunities for those who wish to undertake apprenticeship and training-on-the-job.
- The province has requested surplus R.C.A.F. stations to be used for educational and other socially useful purposes.
- Government House has been offered to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to be used as a convalescent or reconditioning centre for returned men. It has an ideal home atmosphere, large and well treed grounds, gardens and inside facilities for occupational and physio-therapy.



# Health Services For All

- To make possible the Government's plans for over-all health services, provision is being made for doctors and nurses to obtain special courses, and money is being set aside to build a medical school at the Provincial University, so that more personnel can be trained as soon as possible.
- To the free treatment for tuberculosis has been added free diagnosis, treatment and hospitalization and surgery for cancer. Saskatchewan is the only province which has advanced so far in the treatment of this disease.
- Free maintenance, care and treatment has been provided for the mentally ill who are committed to an institution.
- An extensive campaign against venereal disease has been launched, with provision for free treatment. Penicillin has been made available without charge to all general practitioners who wish to use it in the treatment of this disease.
- All old age and blind pensioners and recip-

ents of mothers' allowances and their dependents have been given free and full access to medical, hospital and surgical care, as well as such drugs and appliances and other services as their doctors may order. Over 25,000 Saskatchewan citizens are being given this care as a right to which they are entitled.

- A Recreation Division has been set up, which has launched a program of creative and character building recreation, not equaled anywhere in Canada.
- Provision is being made to assist various areas in the province by giving grants to municipalities or union hospital areas to enable them to erect and maintain hospitals or nursing homes, and to secure medical services.
- A health services planning commission has been set up with an advisory committee representative of professional and occupational groups, institutions, labour and women's organizations.



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# Equal Educational Opportunities

- The Minister has been empowered to set up larger units of school administration wherever he deems it advisable. Provision is made for a local vote to be taken if necessary. Fifteen larger units have been established and these are already revealing the greater advantages.
- Equalization grants from the Provincial Government are provided for, to raise the educational standards in the larger units.
- Rights of any minority, Catholic or Protestant, to establish a separate school are preserved.
- Uniform annual taxation is provided for in the school districts composing a unit.
- Many districts will pay low taxes, and these which pay more will have their facilities greatly improved.
- The larger unit is not a consolidation of schools, but merely a consolidation of administration, control still resting with the people.
- A Division of Student Guidance has been established to do work in personal, educational and vocational guidance.
- Free text books are being provided for every child in the province, up to and including grade eight.
- Scholarships are being made available to enable deserving children to go to University.
- A Division of Adult Education has been set up to stimulate and facilitate learning and constructive activity among the adult population.
- The minimum wage for teachers has been raised from \$700 to \$1,300, for certified teachers, and \$1,000 for others.



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## SOCIAL WELFARE

- A new principle written into the policy of the Social Welfare Department is that all necessary social aid is the right of the recipients, and is in no way a matter of charity.
- Municipalities are being encouraged to provide social aid at least as high as a schedule set by the Department.
- All caveats against the property of old age pensioners have been removed, with provision for charges to be made against estates of greater value than \$2,000.
- Provision is being made for more comprehensive care of the aged.
- Income exemptions for old age pensioners have been increased, making another 4,100 persons eligible for pension.
- A cost of living bonus to old age pensioners up to \$3.00 per person per month, is being paid.
- All caveats and charges against the property of women receiving mothers' allowances have been removed.
- Payment is being made of personal allowances for mothers in receipt of mothers' allowances. This is in addition to the regular allowance on behalf of the children. When a physically incapacitated husband is living in the home, a similar allowance is paid to him.
- Provision has been made for the payment under certain circumstances of mothers' allowances to divorced mothers and unmarried mothers.
- Authority has been given the Minister or his representative to lay a charge against a husband for non-support of his wife.
- The Department is empowered to act as complainant against putative fathers, for the purpose of obtaining support for the children.
- The government has been empowered to take over operation of children's shelters where such is the desire of the Children's Aid Society.



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## Opportunity for Farmers

- Legislation has been passed to protect a farmer from eviction under mortgage from his home quarter.
- A farmer may also claim as exempt under an execution sufficient on which to keep his family and put in his crop.
- A crop failure clause has been read into every agreement for sale and mortgage on farm land, both past and future, which provides for a reduction in the amount owing by one year's interest, in the event of the crop falling below a value of \$6.00 per sown acre through causes beyond the control of the farmer.
- The Mediation Board is given power to mediate in all matters arising out of contract, and is empowered to assist anyone threatened with foreclosure.
- A Natural Products Marketing Act permits the primary producers of agricultural commodities to organize an association of producers for the purpose of orderly marketing of their products.
- An Agricultural Representative Bill provides for great extension of agricultural services in co-operation with farm districts, to develop a sound agricultural production policy and improvement in rural life.
- A veterinary Services Bill provides for the co-operation of two or three municipalities in securing veterinary services. The municipalities and the Provincial Government will contribute equal support to the plan, and the farmer will have to pay only the cost of services once the veterinary has reached the farm.
- An Act to provide for cancellation of certain indebtedness provides for the cancellation of all advances for seed grain and supplies made prior to and including 1934.
- The Act also provides for cancellation of the 1933 Seed and seeding accounts when 50% of the original amount is paid.
- These cancellations do not apply where the Government has no financial interest in the advance.



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## Opportunity for Labor

- The most favorable legislation for labor ever passed in Canada:

### COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

- Collective bargaining is guaranteed to all employees in Saskatchewan, other than those coming under federal jurisdiction.
- The Saskatchewan Government itself has already entered into a written collective agreement with two trade unions, and is now negotiating similar agreements with other unions. This is the first time in the history of Canada that a government has entered into genuine collective bargaining relations with legitimate trade unions. All the unions concerned are chartered by or affiliated with one or other of the two major labor congresses in Canada.
- The law prohibits every device which employers have used in the past to interfere with the free choice of employees to join a labor union.
- Company unions are completely outlawed; and provision is made for reinstatement with back pay of employees dismissed for union activity.
- Provision is made for maintenance of union membership, and the check-off system.
- The Labor Relations Board has been given wide powers of enforcing the Act, and of dealing with unfair practices.
- Machinery is provided for conciliation and voluntary arbitration.
- A Holidays With Pay Act has been passed

to come into effect after the war. It guarantees to every worker an annual holiday with pay of at least two weeks after each year of employment.

- The minimum wage rates have been brought up as high as is permitted under the Dominion wage control legislation. Coverage of the Minimum Wage Act has been greatly extended.
- A worker may claim as exempt under a garnishee summons \$100 per month if married and \$60 per month if single.

### WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

- The Workmen's Compensation Act has been amended, with the following to come into effect July 1st, 1946.
- 1. Compensation to be raised to 75% of weekly salary.
- 2. Compensation to be payable as from the day of the accident if workman is disabled longer than three days.
- 3. Maximum wage on which compensation may be obtained has been raised to \$2,500.
- 4. The minimum compensation payable for total disability has been raised to \$15 per week.
- 5. When weekly earnings are higher at the time of the accident than the average during the preceding 12 months, compensation shall be based upon the current earnings.



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## Resources For Public Benefit

- The Natural Resources Act has been amended to permit the department to acquire and develop publicly owned industries.
- A Mineral Taxation Act has been passed which provides for the taxation of all mineral rights. The greater part of the mineral rights in the province are owned by large companies, which have sold the surface rights to farmers but retained the mineral rights. Formerly they paid no taxes on these rights. In case of failure to pay the new taxes the mineral rights revert to the Crown.
- A Fur Marketing Service has been set up and put in operation to assure better prices to trappers and farmers.
- Government fish filleting plants are being built in the north and amendments have been made to the Fisheries Act providing for better inspection services. This will increase the market value of Saskatchewan fish.
- Provision has been made for the operation of a Forests Products Marketing Board after the war. A practical program of forestation and timber and water conservation has been provided.
- The Saskatchewan Power Commission has been brought under the jurisdiction of the Department, and the controlling stock in the Dominion Electric Co. of Estevan has been purchased by the Government, as a step towards a provincially owned power system.
- International Clay Products Ltd. of Estevan, has been purchased by the government as a step towards developing the clay resources of the province for post war building purposes.
- As an aid to wool producers, a woolen mill is being established at Moose Jaw.
- A survey is being made of the possibilities of extending electrification to the rural areas and small towns.
- The functions of the former Saskatchewan Industrial Development Board have been brought under the jurisdiction of the Department of Natural Resources as a separate branch, and the scope has been extended.
- Free assays and technical services have been provided for prospectors.



# CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT

- The CCF Government of Saskatchewan is the first in Canada to set up a Department of Co-operation. It has been established for the specific purpose of encouraging co-operative development.
- A research service has been provided to investigate economic and technical problems on behalf of the co-operative movement.
- Negotiations have been opened with consumers' co-operatives in Britain for markets for Saskatchewan products.
- Financial assistance has been given to the establishment of Canadian Co-operative Implements Ltd.
- In collaboration with the Department of Reconstruction assistance has been given to the Saskatchewan Co-operative Horse Marketing Association in setting up a processing plant in the province.
- Legislation has been passed to enable municipal councils and school boards to become members of local co-operative associations for the purpose of purchasing supplies.
- Because of the importance of the co-operative movement in Saskatchewan, this province is taking a leading part in the molding of co-operative legislation throughout Canada and the co-ordinating of co-operative activities on a national and international basis.

**Co-operation is a Way of Life**

## Advantages for Local Governments

### Debt Adjustment

- The Local Government Board has been given power to adjust the debts of municipalities in financial difficulties and to reduce both principle and interest.
- The bank account of a municipality has been protected against garnishee proceedings.

### Local Improvements

- Twenty Local Improvement Districts located in the southern part of the Province and fifty in the North have been placed under the Local Improvement Districts Branch for administration.
- Ratepayers in the L.I.D.'s have been encouraged to form associations to discuss their problems and make recommendations to the local field man and to the Department.
- A new Community Planning Act has been passed to meet current needs.

Re-assessment in Towns and Villages is provided for.

- Much consideration is being given to the problem of having set up in Saskatchewan the best type and size of Rural Municipalities.

### Franchise Extended

- In City and Town elections, the franchise has been extended to include all residents who are British Subjects and twenty-one years of age. In Villages and Rural Municipalities, tenants now have the right to vote.
- Local Improvement Districts have been given the right to have the services of a Municipal Doctor.
- An amendment to the Rural Municipality Act provides that plant and equipment of any mine is assessable like all other property in the municipality.

**CCF POLICY COMES FROM THE PEOPLE**



**A Saskatchewan Prairie Highway**

## Patronage Eliminated

- The appointment and dismissal of maintenance patrol men has been made the direct responsibility of the district engineer in each district, thus placing these appointments outside the field of political patronage and placing them on a merit basis.
- District inspectors have been replaced by qualified civil engineers.
- The practice of undertaking construction and gravelling projects on a day labour basis has been discontinued, and

instead this work will be performed by contracts let by public tender, and by the Department's own construction crews when the equipment is available.

- Provision has been made for the Department to engage in air and bus transport business.
- Government offices formerly scattered about the city have been consolidated in one building, saving the people about \$20,000 per annum, and greatly increasing efficiency.

Legislative  
Buildings  
Regina  
Saskatchewan

## Laws for the People



The Attorney-General's Department has played an important part in framing the new legislation for all departments, and has solved many legal problems. It has demonstrated that it is possible to make laws for the people. Most of the work done by this department is referred to on other pages.

- The appointment of King's Counsel is taken out of politics and made subject to a certificate of fitness.
- The number of Justices of the Peace has been reduced, and appointments are being made representative of the general public, rather than of one political party as in the past.

- By a reorganization in the interests of efficiency and economy the operating expenses of the Mediation Board and the Local Government Board have been reduced by almost \$40,000.
- The Insurance Act has been amended to permit a Co-operative Insurance Company to be organized.
- The department has been authorized to assist the families of deceased service men in the matter of probating wills and administering estates. The service will be rendered without charge on estates of a value of \$5,000 or less.

# A HUMAN BUDGET



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## EFFICIENCY and ECONOMY

- Although services to the people have been increased in every possible way, the Treasury Department alone has made a saving of public money of \$1,324,000 per year, through increased efficiency in administration.
- The Farm Loan Board and the Provincial Tax Commission have been abolished, and their duties brought under the Treasury Department. This has brought greater efficiency and has effected a saving of \$40,000 per annum in the case of the Farm Loan Board alone.
- A Government Purchasing Agency has been established, which will effect a saving of public money to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- A printing plant for Government use has been purchased, which will effect a great saving to the public, and will make possible the printing of such things as free text books for public schools. Patronage in the letting of Government printing contracts has been completely eliminated.
- A re-negotiation of contracts in respect to both purchase and sale of liquor and beer has increased the public revenue by \$700,000, while at the same time savings have been made in administration. A rationing system for beer has been introduced which gives a more equitable distribution of the available supply, and has done away with former abuses.
- Saskatchewan's first bond issue of \$1,000,000 for industrial development, was oversubscribed by 80%. The bonds are payable in ten years and bear interest at 3%.
- The net debt of the province has been reduced from \$188,439,720 on April 30, 1944, to \$174,878,948 on January 31, 1945, a reduction of \$8,463,762.
- The first C.C.F. budget provides for an increased expenditure (mainly for social services), of \$5,885,000. The only increase in taxation is 1¢ a gallon on the gasoline tax.

# 21 TO OTTAWA

The accomplishments and efficient administration of the Saskatchewan Government have so greatly increased the public confidence in the C.C.F. that the Saskatchewan section anticipates a sweep of the province which will send 21 C.C.F. representatives to Ottawa. Following are the Saskatchewan C.C.F. candidates for the federal election.

E. G. McCullough - Assiniboia.  
J. W. Burion, M.P. - Humboldt.  
F. E. Jaenicke - Kindersley.  
L. J. Bright - Lake Centre.  
A. M. Nicholson, M.P. - Mackenzie.  
D. J. McCuaig - Maple Creek.  
P. E. Wright, M.P. - Melfort.  
H. J. Benson - Melville.  
W. E. Thatcher - Moose Jaw.  
F. W. Townsley-Smith - North Battleford.

E. L. Bowerman - Prince Albert.  
Gladys Strum - Qu'Appelle.  
M. J. Coldwell - Rosetown-Biggar.  
C. Mycroft - Rosetown.  
R. R. Knight - Saskatoon.  
T. J. Bentley - Swift Current.  
M. Campbell - The Battlefords.  
Fr. Lt. E. B. McKay - Weyburn.  
H. R. Argue - Wood Mountain.  
G. H. Castleden, M.P. - Yorkton.

Major John O. Probe - Regina.

# VOTE CCF

# OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIANS

When Elected to Ottawa the CCF Guarantees - - -

- To mobilize all resources of Canada in support of the armed forces of the United Nations, until the cessation of hostilities.
- To make the satisfactory re-establishment in civilian life of discharged service personnel a first charge on the resources of Canada, giving them the greatest possible compensation for the handicaps they have suffered in serving their country.
- The fullest care, development and use of our physical and cultural resources so that every one will have an opportunity to do useful work and thereby earn a high standard of living.
- Representative planning and marketing boards, responsible to parliament, to co-ordinate production, international trade and consumption, so that the highest possible standard of living may be attained and the dangers of depressions entirely eliminated.
- Social and co-operative ownership of industry and finance to the extent necessary to give the people democratic control over their essential means of livelihood.
- A system of social security which will bring freedom from want to all citizens unable to provide adequately for themselves.
- The development of a health system which will assure full medical and dental care for all citizens, as far as possible under practitioners of their own choosing.
- The development, in co-operation with the provinces, of educational opportunities, so that all children will be able to attain the highest standard of education of which they are capable.
- The promotion of a housing plan which will eliminate slums and poor housing conditions, and make it possible for all who so desire to own their own modern homes.
- Protection and assistance for the farmers and other primary producers, so that they will have an opportunity to earn their fair share of the national income, and be able to maintain their equity in their land, home and equipment, as well as improve their living conditions.
- Protection for labor which will assure the workers at all times the fullest opportunity to earn a high standard of living, and to improve working and living conditions.
- Equitable distribution of taxation; larger income tax exemptions on the lower incomes.
- Amendments to the B.N.A. Act to give the Canadian people full control over their own economy, assure protection for minority rights, and establish greater civil and religious liberty.
- To give the greatest possible co-operation in the international field in establishing world wide peace, prosperity and freedom.

## Coldwell for Canada

The C.C.F. is a people's party. Its program and policy is not made by any one person or group of persons, but by the people themselves in convention. It is indicative of the strength and sincerity of this movement that from its ranks come men of the character and genius of M. J. Coldwell, the C.C.F. National Leader. No man has ever been better fitted to be Prime Minister of this country.

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